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ECONOMETRIC MODELING (01.010104)

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1. AUFENKAMP REQUESTS THAT THE FOLLOWING LETTER BE
FORWARDED TO RAMEYEV WITH COPIES TO A. A. MODIN, CENTRAL
ECONOMICS MATHEMATICS INSTITUTE, VAVILOVA 44, KORPUS 2 AND
TO AYKAZYAN. SEE SEPTTEL TRANSMITTING GANLEY/AYKAZYAN
LETTER.

2. 01.010404 - MAY 22, 1978

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DEAR BASHIR:

IT WAS WITH MUCH DISAPPOINTMENT THAT I LEARNED THAT SOVIET

VISAS FOR SIBLEY AND HARDGRAVE WERE NOT ISSUED FOR THEIR
PLANNED ARRIVAL IN THE U.S.S.R. IN MID MAY. AS YOU KNOW

PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR THESE LONG-TERM VISITS WERE PROPOSED
IN THE MEMORANDUM PREPARED IN MOSCOW IN NOVEMBER 1977
SIGNED BY MODIN AND DALE.

I INFORMED THE SOVIET SIDE IN MY LETTER OF 5 APRIL (WITH
COPIES TO BARABOSHKIN AND INASHVILI) OF THE PROPOSED
TRAVEL PLANS OF SIBLEY AND HARDGRAVE. I RECEIVED A
CABLE DIRECTLY FROM MODIN ON 21 APRIL THAT THE PROGRAMS OF
BOTH SIBLEY AND DALE WERE ACCEPTABLE. IN FACT, ON 11 MAY
IOFFE TELEPHONED ME DIRECTLY TO INQUIRE ABOUT HARDGRAVE'S
PRECISE ARRIVAL TIME ON 13 MAY. HE INDICATED THAT PLANS
WERE COMPLETE AT THE CENTRAL ECONOMICS MATHEMATICS
INSTITUTE (CEMI) TO RECEIVE SIBLEY AND HARDGRAVE. IT IS,
THEREFORE, INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO ME THAT THE SOVIET SIDE
WAS 'NOT PREPARED' TO RECEIVE THESE TWO AMERICAN
SCIENTISTS IN VIEW OF THE LONG LEAD TIME GIVEN FOR THE
VISITS.

THIS LAST MINUTE DELAY HAS A STRONG NEGATIVE IMPACT ON
WHAT HAS BEEN TO DATE A VERY PRODUCTIVE JOINT PROJECT. BOTH
SIBLEY AND HARDGRAVE HAVE BUSY SCHEDULES THIS SUMMER AND
CAN NOT DELAY THEIR DEPARTURES FROM THE SOVIET UNION
FROM THE DATES PREVIOUSLY GIVEN YOU.

OUR COLLEAGUES AT CEMI URGE BOTH SIBLEY AND HARDGRAVE TO
MAKE THE TRIP EVEN IF IT IS SHORTER THAN ORIGINALLY
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PROPOSED. WE UNDERSTAND FURTHER THAT CEMI PROPOSES THAT
THE TRIP CONTINUE TO BE ARRANGED ON THE BASIS OF RECEIVING
SIDE PAYS. THE U.S. SCIENTISTS BELIEVE THAT A SHORTER
VISIT CAN STILL BE PRODUCTIVE AND ARE PREPARED TO MAKE THE
VISIT AT THIS TIME IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM
ALREADY ESTABLISHED FOR THIS PROJECT.

AGAIN, I REGRET VERY MUCH THE EVENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE,
PARTICULARLY, IN THE ABSENCE OF A SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION,
AND HOPE THAT STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO MINIMIZE THE POSSIBIL-
ITY OF REPETITIONS.

SINCERELY YOURS,

D. D. AUFENKAMP
U.S. WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN

CC: DR. MODIN
MR. AYKAZYAN
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